

Committee Meetings

FIFRA AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action amended Titles I, II, and III of H.R. 1627, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

MAINTAINING, REFORMING OR ELIMINATING FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on the impact of maintaining, reforming, or eliminating Federal Milk Marketing Orders (FMMOs), criteria for the consolidation of FMMO order regions, revisions in the pooling and sharing of FMMO receipts, proposals for a single national order, and the continuation or preemption of state orders. Testimony was heard from Lon S. Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; John Harman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C. Finances. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Robert Pohlman, Interim, Chief Financial Officer; and Robert Reid, Controller.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit continued hearings on the broad issue of regulatory burden relief as well as those matters addressed in H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SUPERFUND PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials continued hearings on the reauthorization of the Superfund program. Testimony was heard from Tim Fields, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and

Emergency Response, EPA; Barry Johnson, Assistant Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

EEOC ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS/CASE PROCESSING

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on EEOC Administrative Reforms/Case Processing. Testimony was heard from Gilbert F. Casellas, chairman, EEOC.

FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Federal Direct Student Loan program. Testimony was heard from Senator Simon; Representatives Petri, Istook and Gordon; and public witnesses.

CONSOLIDATING FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology concluded hearings on Consolidating Federal Programs and Organizations, Part II. Testimony was heard from Marshall S. Smith, Under Secretary, Department of Education; George Munoz, Assistant Secretary, Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury; Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; the following former Secretaries, Department of Energy: Donald P. Hodel and Secretary of the Interior; John S. Herrington; and James D. Watkins; from the former Under Secretaries, Department of Energy: Shelby T. Brewer; and Donna R. Fitzpatrick; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS—WASTE AND FRAUD

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on Waste and Fraud in the following Departments: Education; Health and Human Services; Housing and Urban Development; Labor; and Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Postal Service continued oversight hearings on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 7.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Approved the following pending Committee business: parking policies; inside mail delivery policies; audio coverage for Committee meetings; and issuance of beauty shop and barber-shop requests for proposals and procurement of shoe shine services.

REFORM OF LAWS GOVERNING LOBBYING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on the reform of laws governing lobbying. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bryant of Texas, Dornan, McHale, Meehan, Shays, Traficant, Upton, Wolf, and Zimmer; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement approved for full Committee action H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996.

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APPROPRIATE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS—HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES FIND EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities continued hearings on the appropriate role and the effectiveness of various Federal Government programs in helping small businesses find export opportunities around the world, with emphasis on the merits or pitfalls of export promotion programs as they impact small business. Testimony was heard from Allan I. Mendlowitz, Managing Director, International Trade, Finance, and Competitiveness Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Social Security Disability Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Shirley Sears Chater, Commissioner, SSA; Jane Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

UNITED STATES-CHINA TRADE RELATIONS AND RENEWAL OF MFN STATUS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States-China Trade Relations and Renewal of China's Most-Favored-Nation Status. Testimony was heard from Representatives Solomon, Lantos, Wolf, Kolbe, and Pelosi; Charlene Barshefsky, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Kent Wiedemann, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

GUATEMALA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Guatemala. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D636)

S. 244, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public. Signed May 22, 1995 (P.L. 104-13).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on research and the future of U.S. agriculture, 10 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 10:15 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the peso devaluation and the Administration's aid package on the banking system and economy of Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine international aviation policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to continue to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for foreign assistance programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.